

Division Director

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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February 4, 1991

Mr. Russell V. Dobson Plant Manager Continental Lime, Incorporated Box 266 Delta, Utah 84624

Dear Mr. Dobson:

Re: <u>Permit Amendment and Surety Review Status, Cricket Mountain Quarry, Continental Lime, M/027/006, Millard County, Utah</u>

The Division has received all required correspondence from Continental Lime addressing the permit amendment for the Cricket Mountain Quarry. Your letter accepting the Division's comments and variances relative to our August 4, 1989 review letter, was received on December 21, 1990. Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to finalize this permit approval.

As you may be aware, the Division has a formalized permit review and bonding agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Division and BLM have committed to work jointly on permit reviews and reclamation surety requirements for sites located on BLM managed lands. According to information submitted by Continental Lime, a large portion of the operation will affect BLM lands. The BLM has forwarded a concern to us, that the existing and proposed disturbed acreage be accurately substantiated before the permit is finalized.

We propose that an on-site meeting be held as soon as schedules and field conditions permit, to achieve a better understanding of the total affected/disturbed acreage. This meeting would include both DOGM and BLM staff. During the meeting, we would like to discuss Continental Lime's commitments to the requirements established in our August 4, 1989 review letter, and any further concerns the BLM might have in this regard. We would also like to inspect and discuss the proposed areas to be affected by your most recent (February 1, 1991) permit amendment request.

The Division will require Continental Lime to develop an up-to-date disturbed area map(s), at a scale of no less than 1" = 500'. The map(s) must show all current disturbances and proposed disturbances for at least a projected 5-year time period, beginning January 1991. A minimum of 5 years is requested because this is the time

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frame that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining requires for computing a reclamation surety amount.

We will also ask Continental Lime to provide us with a map(s) portraying final reclamation treatments for the site. This map(s) should identify all areas that will and will not be subject to reclamation and the reclamation treatments proposed (e.g., highwalls and unbackfilled pit areas, regraded & recontoured areas, topsoiled vs. non-topsoiled areas, revegetated areas, etc.). This map(s) should also show the anticipated final reclamation contours.

Obviously, we were not able to approach our Board last month with a request to approve the form and amount of surety for the Cricket Quarry. We will postpone this action until the previously mentioned issues can be discussed and resolved. Depending upon the outcome of our future discussions, it may be necessary to increase the amount of reclamation surety. This may require that new surety forms and contracts be filed, or that portions of existing forms be revised as necessary. In the meantime, we will consider the \$179,000 surety which you have already submitted as an interim surety, until the acreage question has been adequately addressed.

It is important that we resolve these last few permitting issues as soon as possible. We would like to schedule an onsite inspection as soon as the weather permits. We will be contacting you and Mr. Phil Allard, BLM, Warm Springs Resource Area office in this regard.

If you have questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact me, or Holland Shepherd of the Minerals staff. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in finalizing these remaining concerns.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

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Minerals Regulatory Program

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